

Sunday School @ 9:45 am Sunday Mornings

(In-Person or via Zoom)

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Worship @ 11 am Sunday Mornings

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Zion Children's Bulletin

May 1, 2022 (Year C) * 3rd Sunday of Easter (Ages 7+)



Hearing God's Word: Our Gospel lesson today is found in John 21:1-19 where Jesus appears to seven of his followers while they are fishing. Other readings this week include Acts 9:1-20 and Revelation 5:11-14.

Jesus Serves Breakfast by the Sea!

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¹ Later, Jesus showed himself to his followers by Lake Galilee. This is how it happened: happened: ² Some of the followers were together. They were Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the two sons of Zebedee, and two other followers. ³ Simon Peter said, "I am going out to fish." The other followers said, "We will go with you." So they went out and got into the boat. They fished that night but caught nothing. ⁴ Early the next morning Jesus stood on the shore. But the followers did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then he said to them, "Friends, have you caught any fish?" They answered, "No." ⁶ He said, "Throw your net into the water on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they did this. They caught so many fish that they could not pull the net back into the boat. Lord!" When Peter heard him say this, he wrapped his coat around himself. (Peter had taken his clothes off.) Then he jumped into the water. ⁷ The follower whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard him say this, he wrapped his coat around himself. (Peter had taken his clothes off.) Then he jumped into the water. ⁸ The other followers went to shore in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. They were not very far from shore, only about 100 yards. ⁹ When the followers stepped out of the boat and onto the shore, they saw a fire of hot coals. There were fish on the fire, and there was bread. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish



Jesus by the Sea of Tiberias

Jesus appeared to His disciples when they were fishing, but because He stood on the shore, they couldn't recognize Him. Jesus called out to them. What did He ask?

Follow the correct path through the maze to find the letters to fill in the blanks.

Friends **h**aven't **y**ou any **f**ish?

The disciples realized it was Jesus and turned toward the shore to join Him. What did Simon Peter do when he realized it was Jesus?

In order, first write out all the 1's, then all the 2's, then all the 3's and then all the 4's. Fill in the blanks below.

As	1	him	2	he	3	him	4	soon	1	say	2
wrapped	3	and	4	as	1	it	2	his	3	jumped	4
Simon	1	is	2	outer	3	into	4	Peter	1	the	2
garment	3	the	4	heard	1	Lord	2	around	3	water	4

As soon as Simon Peter heard him say - It is the Lord - he wrapped his outer garment around him and jumped into the water.

Jesus called out from the shore, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat." When they did, the disciples caught so many fish they couldn't haul the net in!

How many fish did they catch? Follow the directions below to find out.

- Cross out all 2-digit numbers
- Cross out all of the numbers in the middle row and in the middle column
- Cross out all even numbers
- Cross out any number greater than 500
- You will know you have the right answer if there is only one number left.

After they ate, Jesus and Peter had an important conversation.

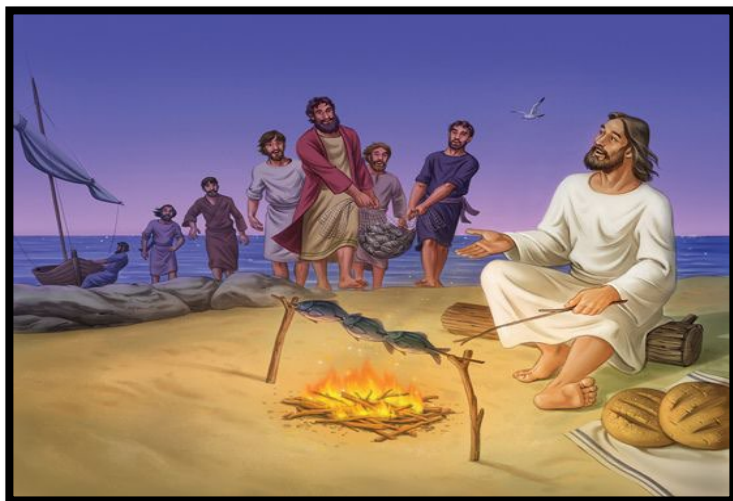
To find out what they said, change each consonant to the next consonant in the alphabet but leave vowels as they are (vowels are A, E, I, O, U). For example, change B to C, C to D, etc. Change Z to B.

SIMON, SON OF JONAH, FROM CAPHARNAUM, DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE OTHER FISHERIES?

YOU KNOW THAT YOU JUMPED INTO THE WATER TO FOLLOW ME? I LOVE YOU, LORD.

FEED MY SHEEP, LORD.

that you caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went into the boat and pulled the net to the shore. It was full of big fish. There were 153. Even though there were so many, the net did not tear. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and eat." None of the followers dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them. He also gave them the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus showed himself to his followers after he was raised from death. ¹⁵ When they finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John do you love me more than these?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ A third time he said, "Simon son of John do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" Peter said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you!" He said to him, "Take care of my sheep. ¹⁸ I tell you the truth. When you were younger, you tied your own belt and went where you wanted. But when you are old, you will put out your hands and someone else will tie them. They will take you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ (Jesus said this to show how Peter would die to give glory to God.) Then Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me!"

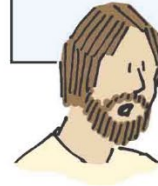


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Children's Moment: Breakfast on the Beach

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Have you ever gone fishing and caught nothing? The seven disciples (followers of Jesus) spent all night fishing and caught nothing. I know I remember fishing as a kid and catching nothing. It was no fun!

In order, first write out all the 1's, then all the 2's, then all the 3's and then all the 4's. Fill in the blanks below.

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garment ³	the ⁴	heard ¹	Lord ²	around ³	water ⁴

Jesus had died and come back to life on Easter. (Remember?) Later, Jesus' friends were out fishing, trying to make a living. Jesus' friends fished all night and caught nothing. Then, they saw a man, not knowing it was Jesus, on the shore. Jesus yelled to them, asking, "Have you caught anything?" They didn't know the man was Jesus, but they still listened when He told them to cast their fishing nets on the right side of the boat.

You caught something! That's like what happened to Jesus' friends. Jesus' friends caught 153 fish! There were so many fish that the friends couldn't pull in the fishing net. That's when Peter realized Jesus was the man yelling to them from the shore. Peter was so excited when He realized Jesus had appeared again to them that He jumped into the water and swam to the shore where Jesus was! The rest of the friends brought the boat to shore. Jesus cooked breakfast over a campfire.

Jesus' friends were reminded that day that following Jesus brings great rewards.

The disciples got to see Jesus and spend time with Him, and they ate the delicious breakfast He made for them and even had leftover fish to take home. Jesus loves being friends with you, too, and when we follow Him, He takes care of us and blesses us in amazing ways!

Let Us Pray: Dear God, we know that you have wonderful blessings in store for us when we follow Jesus. Our prayer is that we will always follow you. In Jesus' name, amen.

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